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COMPLAINT

Plaintiffs, Pedia Manor and Kono and Joyce Tehmeh, by and through their undersigned counsel, hereby submit this Complaint, and state:

- 1. This action arises under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended, 29 U.S.C. § 1001 *et seq.* ("ERISA"), to recover benefits due under Group Health Insurance Plan, and to recover costs and attorneys' fees as provided by ERISA.
 - 2. This action is brought pursuant to Section 502(a) of ERISA, 29 U.S.C. § 1132(a).

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 3. The Court has subject matter jurisdiction pursuant to 29 U.S.C. § 1132(e)(1) and 28 U.S.C. § 1131, without respect to the amount in controversy. 29 U.S.C. § 1132(f).
- 4. Venue is proper in this district pursuant to 29 U.S.C. § 1132(e)(2) and 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b), in that one or more of the Defendants resides or may be found in this district.

THE PARTIES

- Plaintiff Pedia Manor is a home for medically fragile and technologically dependent children located at 2440 Old Bethlehem Pike, Quakertown, Pennsylvania.
- 6. Plaintiffs Kono and Joyce Tehmeh are individuals residing at 3241 Hulmeville Road, Apartment D104, Bensalem, Pennsylvania, and are the parents of Joshua Tehmeh.
- 7. Plaintiff Kono Tehmeh is a participant in the CareFirst Group Hospitalization and Medical Services Plan, within the meaning of 29 U.S.C. § 1002(1), through his employment at H&S Bakery, Inc.
 - 8. Plaintiff has standing to bring this action under 29 U.S.C. § 1132(a).
- 9. Plaintiffs Kono and Joyce Tehmeh assigned their rights to Pedia Manor to pursue payment for services provided to Joshua Tehmeh. See Assignment, attached hereto as Exhibit "A."
- 10. Defendant Group Hospitalization and Medical Services Plan ("the Plan") is a group health insurance plan within the meaning of 29 U.S.C. § 1002.

- 11. Defendant Group Hospitalization and Medical Services Inc. d/b/a CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield ("CareFirst"), is a corporation registered to do business in Pennsylvania, with its principal place of business at 840 First Street, NE, Washington DC 20065.
- 12. H&S Bakery Inc. is the "plan sponsor" of the Plan, within the meaning of 29 U.S.C. § 1002(16)(B)(i).

BACKGROUND FACTS

- 13. Joshua Tehmeh was born on July 18, 2008, extremely premature, and suffered sever hypoxic and ischemic injury to the brain.
- 14. Joshua suffers from profound encephalomyelopathy with plateau of head growth, arrest of neurologic development, and chronic lung disease and feeding problems.
- 15. His condition requires skilled nursing care to manage his multiple medical problems, and such care is medically necessary to avoid a life-threatening event.
 - 16. Joshua receives the following medically necessary care:
 - a. <u>Respiratory care</u>: Skilled care is required to determine whether he requires breathing treatments, including nebulizer treatments, oxygen, chest percussion therapy and postural draining and to prevent life-threatening respiratory distress.
 - b. Therapy: Joshua receives speech therapy, occupational therapy, and physical therapy.
 - c. <u>Feeding</u>: Skilled care is required to determine the appropriate nutrition and to monitor Joshua's weight and feeding tube. Joshua receives all of his nutrition through a feeding tube.
- 17. According to the Plan, CareFirst must provide coverage for Medically Necessary care; that is, care that a health care provider, exercising prudent clinical judgment renders to or

recommends for a patient for the purposes of preventing, evaluating, diagnosing or treating an illness, injury, diseases or its symptoms.

- 18. The care Pedia Manor provides to Joshua Tehmeh is Medically Necessary under the terms of the plan.
 - 19. According to the Plan, CareFirst will not provide coverage for "custodial" care.
- 20. "Custodial" care is care provided to meet the activities of daily living, which can be provided by persons without professional medical skills or training.
- 21. On October 19, 2009, and various earlier dates, Defendants denied coverage for this care, claiming that the care was "custodial."
 - 22. Plaintiff timely filed an appeal of the denial.
 - 23. Defendants denied the appeal.
 - 24. Plaintiffs have been harmed in the amount of the cost of care at Pedia Manor.

COUNT I

CLAIM FOR BENEFITS UNDER THE PLAN

- 25. Plaintiff incorporates by reference the foregoing paragraphs as if more fully set forth herein.
 - 26. The Plan provides that it will cover all Medically Necessary care.
- 27. According to the Plan, under the terms of the Plan, Plaintiffs were entitled to coverage for the care provided at Pedia Manor to Joshua.
 - 28. The care provided by Pedia Manor is not custodial care.
- 29. Despite timely appeals, Defendants have failed and refused to provide coverage for care.

30. Plaintiff is entitled to coverage under the Plan, and the failure and result by Defendant to pay such benefits constitutes a violation of the Plan, actionable under 29 U.S.C. § 1132(a)(1).

WHEREFORE, for all the foregoing reasons, Plaintiffs respectfully request this Court to enter judgment in their favor, including attorneys' fees and costs as permitted under 29 U.S.C. § 1132(g)(1) and interest, and award such other and further relief as may be just and proper.

Respectfully submitted,

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Patricia C. Collins, Esquire Attorney I.D. # 78648

PEDIA MANOR ASSIGNMENT OF ERISA CLAIMS

We assign the right to payment for all medical benefits provided to our son, Joshua Tehmeh, directly to Pedia Manor in consideration for medical services and supplies provided pursuant to my health insurance plan.

In the event my health insurance plan refuses to pay for provided services, we also assign all of our rights under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act ("ERISA"), 29 U.S.C. § 1101 et seq. to Pedia Manor, for a full and fair review of any and all denied claims, including any penalties that may be assessed against the insurance company for faulty claims processing. This ERISA assignment is in consideration for the unpaid services provided and in consideration for the continued willingness of Pedia Manor to care for Joshua Tehmeh or others covered by my plan on an insurance assignment basis. I understands that if this provider prevails in any such payment dispute, I may be liable for co-payments for the contested services.

We give consent to release medial information regarding Joshua Tehmeh to Pedia Manor. I give consent to Pedia Manor to release medical information regarding Joshua Tehmeh to my insurance company as necessary.

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